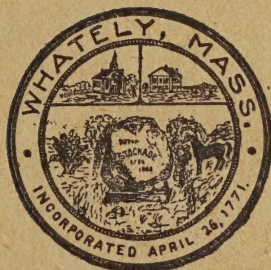


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Whately Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To William H. Adkins, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Whately, on Monday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioners, Library Trustees, Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted on one ballot. Chapter 579, Acts of 1907, require you to choose one Assessor for three years, one for two years, one for one year ; govern yourselves accordingly. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name of School Committee only.

ART. 3.—To vote “ Yes ” or “ No ” upon the question : “ Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? ”

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon the reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the coming year and appropriate the same.

ART. 6.—To act upon the list of Jurors as prepared by the registrars.

ART. 7.—To see what the Town will do with money received from the County called the Dog Fund.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools and raise money for his salary.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town grant, State and County taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before Sept. 1, 1908.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for Town purposes, giving the Town's note therefor.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise money for Cemetery purposes.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will convey to the South Deerfield Cemetery Association their right to that strip of land lying between the present location of the road, known as the Old Deerfield Road, and the Boston and Maine Railroad, beginning at the north line of the Town and extending as far south as the south line of said cemetery.

And you are hereby directed to post attested copies of this Warrant at each of the Post Offices in said Town, said posting to be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} Selectmen of Whately.
R. MOSHER SWIFT,	
FAY B. BARDWELL,	

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics for the Town of Whately for the year 1907.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY 1907.

January 3. Viola Rosena Field to Charles W. and Cora E. Field.

January 23. Wallace Irwin Graves to Albert E. and Grace E. Graves.

February 6. Sylvia Louise Johnson to Henry and Alice Johnson.

February 10. Aleck Wykoska to Kosmis and Helen Wykoska.

March 12. Mabel Edith Vaughn to John and Mabel Vaughn.

March 23. — Beckel to Frank and Sally Beckel.

March 28. Robert Beers to Arthur H. and Jannie Beers.

March 28. Roberta Beers to Arthur H. and Jannie Beers.

April 1. Catherine Stefence to Stephen and Sally Stefence.

April 3. Myron Ezra Beers to Walter M. and Nellie Beers.

May 16. Julia Smiowshie to John and Stefina Smiowskie.

May 22. Lucius Richard Allis to Lucius H. and Florence Allis.

May 27. Stanley Eugene Cowee to Clifton E. and Katherine M. Cowee.

June 3. Mary Narkon to Vincent and Annie Narkon.

June 13. Mary Sukowsecki to Stanley and Katherine Sukowsecki.

July 1. Mary Elizabeth Callahan to Thomas F. and Rose A. Callahan.

July 22. Alex Markoskie to John and Rosa Markoskie.

- Aug. 7. John Merkoski to John and Annie Merkoski.
 Aug. 27. Francis James Carey to James J. and Anna Carey.
 Aug. 29. Caroline Gladys Bardwell to Horace M. and Carrie A. Bardwell.
 Sept. 10. Roger Noski to Joseph and Lena Noski.
 Nov. 1. Marion Elizabeth Haskins to Harry and Cathierine F. Haskins.
 Nov. 10. Edna Louise Dickinson to William and Emma Dickinson.
 Dec. 6. Alburtus Francis Bardwell to James S. and Grace E. Bardwell.
 Dec. 9. Myrtle Scott to Frank O. and Charlotte Scott.
 Dec. 27. — Crafts to Allen P. and May Crafts.

Comparison Table of births for the last five years :

1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
20	30	22	20	26

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

- January 16. Wilber L. Grover of Whately, 24; Susie M. Abbott of Northampton, 26.
 April 3. Patrick J. Horgan of Waterbury, Ct., 26; Elizabeth P. Mack of Whately, 28.
 April 17. Fred W. Bardwell of Whately, 27; M. Grace R. Banning of Whately, 26.
 June 10. Constantine Gulowski of Whately, 21; Agnes Watras of Northampton, 23.
 June 17. Simon Smytes of Whately, 39; Katie Storig of Whately, 27.
 Sept. 25. George Raymond Dickinson of Whately 21; Anna Eliza Nash of Williamsburg, 18.
 Oct. 10. William D. Field of Whately, 28; Mary L. White of Northampton, 24.
 Nov. 4. George Pokariski of Whately, 22; Mary Palas, of Northampton, 18.

Comparison table of Marriages for the last five years :

1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
14	10	5	9	8

DEATHS REGISTERED.

Date.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Jan. 6.	Adam Ganis,	8		
Jan. 6.	Julia M. Field,	81		27
Jan. 8.	Viola R. Field,			5
Jan. 13.	— — — Damon,			14
Jan. 13.	Mary Soblasky,	1	7	
Jan. 19.	Herbert W. Ford,	45	4	23
Feb. 4.	William N. T. Dean,	60	6	16
Feb. 7.	Richard P. Callahan,	2	3	
Feb. 12.	John F. Scott,	82	7	23
Feb. 13.	Lewis Garen,	34		
Feb. 25.	Wladistawa Wkowski,	1	7	
Mar. 11.	William E. Clarke,	54		
Mar. 18.	Mary Bowman,	16	11	12
Apr. 10.	Walter W. Bardwell,	79	8	14
Apr. 18.	Bronie Slrico,	1		
Apr. 28.	Charles W. Hill,	75	4	16
June 18.	Frederic E. Crafts,	38	9	3
June 24.	Frank Dickinson,	57		
July 30.	Eunice B. Crafts,	87	10	12
Sept. 26.	Elizabeth G. Hickey,	13		
Oct. 16.	Delia A Martin,	29		
Oct. 16.	Dwight Dickinson,	60	10	
Oct. 29.	Hanora Callahan,	70		
Nov. 4.	Dennis Hayes,	77		
Nov. 23.	Joseph Damucaitz,	31		
Nov. 24.	Mary Buckrik,		4	2
Dec. 30.	Francis O. Bardwell,	19		

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years :

1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
13	18	17	16	27

If any mistakes have been made in the above records either in name or date, if those interested will inform the Clerk of the fact, the records will be corrected.

DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending December 31, 1907, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows :

49 male dogs at \$2.00,	\$98 00
9 spayed female dogs at \$2.00,	18 00
7 female at \$5.00,	35 00
Total tax,	\$151 00
Less fees 65 dogs at 20 cents,	13 00
Balance,	\$138 00
Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	\$138 00

Comparison table for the last five years :

1903	1904	1905	1906	1907
\$120.60	\$114.60	\$134.40	\$122.40	\$138.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, Town Clerk.

HISTORY OF WHATELY.

I herewith submit my ninth annual report as agent of the Town for the sale of the History of Whately.

Number of books on hand as per last report,	418
Number of books sold,	2
Balance of books on hand,	416

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received from sale of books,	\$9 00
Cash on hand,	9 00

GEORGE A. ELDER.

Collector's Report.

W. H. ADKINS in Acct. with the Town of Whately for the
1906 Tax.

Dr.

To Uncollected Taxes,	\$208 78
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Cr.

By amount paid Treasurer,	\$199 72
By Abatements,	9 06
	\$208 78

W. H. ADKINS in Acct. with the Town of Whately for the
1907 Tax.

Dr.

To State Tax,	\$560 00
County Tax,	877 15
Highway Special Tax,	143 98
Town Tax,	4,750 00
Overlaying,	92 73
Street Ry. Excise Tax,	147 41
	\$6,571 27

Cr.

By Amount paid Treasurer,	\$5,407 70
Discount,	164 66
Abatements,	17 78
Uncollected Taxes,	981 13
	————— \$6,571 27

LIST OF JURORS.

PREPARED BY THE REGISTRARS.

Cooley B. Dickinson,	William H. Adkins,
Warren P. Crafts,	Lyman A. Crafts,
Charles A. Bardwell,	R. Mosher Swift,
Orson E. Morton, Jr.,	Fay B. Bardwell,
John B. Flavin,	Herbert E. Roote,
Victor D. Bardwell,	Michael E. Manning.

Treasurer's Report.

C. L. CRAFTS, Treasurer, in Acct. with Town of Whately.

RECEIPTS.

1907-8.

To Cash from Ryland C. Howes, ex-Treas.,	\$3,064	10
Franklin Co. Natl. Bank, temp. loan,	300	00
Wm. H. Adkins, Coll. in full of taxes of 1906,	208	78
Wm. H. Adkins, Coll., taxes, 1907,	5,590	14
Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas.,	225	15
Temporary Aid,	39	83
Tuition of Children,	105	50
Inspection of Animals,	21	00
Corporation Tax,	22	85
National Bank Tax,	495	55
State Aid,	240	00
High School Tuition,	555	00
School Fund,	1,429	99
Elizabeth G. Hickey, liquor license,	250	00
Wm. S. Allen, Court fines,	105	00
Edward A. Rice, Supt. salary,	157	00
L. F. Crafts, cemetery lots,	13	00
J. Lucien Moody, cemetery lots,	5	00
E. A. Newcomb, County Treas., Dog Fund,	72	38
Fay B. Bardwell, rent of Town Hall, 1906-7,	15	00
A. H. Beers, library fines,	20	
City of Boston, City charges,	12	00
	—————	\$12,927 47

C. L. CRAFTS, Treasurer, in Acct. with Town of Whately.

ORDERS PAID.

1907-8.

Outstanding Orders,	\$1,246 79
State Aid,	202 00
Poor,	274 44
Contingent,	813 70
Registrars,	45 00
Old Bills,	91 50
Guide Posts and Railings,	12 25
Bridges,	199 01
Liquor License,	62 50
Town Officers,	468 75
Cemetery,	57 25
Loan and Interest,	303 00
Library,	80 68
Highway Special,	44 35
County Tax,	877 15
Sidewalks,	35 00
Culverts,	257 61
Schools,	3,093 98
Highway,	1,225 78
State Highway,	143 98
State Tax,	560 00
Abatements,	26 84
Discount,	164 66
Balance,	2,641 25
	—————\$12,927 47

February 15, 1908.

We have this day settled with said C. L. Crafts, Treasurer of the Town of Whately and find in his hands and due the said Town of Whately the sum of Two Thousand, Six Hundred Forty One and $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars (\$2,641.25).

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} Selectmen of Whately.
R. MOSHER SWIFT,	
FAY B. BARDWELL,	

Lyman A. Crafts, Auditor.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, having attended to their duties as defined by the Statutes, respectfully submit the following report :

Our expenses in the Pauper department for the past year have been \$315.51, much less sum than usual. Suffering and destitution have come to some. We have endeavored to look carefully into all cases and render such assistance as necessity demanded. In the Highway department we were unable to get help in the early part of the season to work the roads, people having more than they could comfortably do on their own farm crops. In consequence of this scarcity of help the road work has cost more.

The Legislature of 1907 created a Commission of Weights and Measures, Chapter 534. Our town has been compelled to provide a set of weights and measures at an expense of \$126. We are not quite sure that we have all they require yet.

Our town owns several pieces of wood land. It seemed to us that an examination of the titles which passed thirty years ago would be in order. Our search for the deeds was unavailing, none were to be found. We went to the registry and had copies made from the records and with the assistance of E. B. Crafts and engineer Beers have tried to locate the several pieces.

Our finances as a town are in good condition, the only outstanding indebtedness being the Town Orders of Selectmen \$299.12, School Committee \$634.49, making a total of \$933.61. Uncollected taxes \$981.13 ; cash in Treasury \$2,641.25.

The expenditures in different departments of town affairs, see the statement in detail. The record of the work of your Town Officials has been passed upon by your Auditor. We submit it for your consideration.

OLD BILLS.

Town of Sunderland, repairs Sunderland bridge,	\$15 30
Ella Elder, librarian salary \$40.00, cleaning \$2.00, indexing \$13.20,	55 20
William Stripp, breaking roads,	70
Thomas Brennan, " "	10 00
Cooley B. Dickinson, " "	10 30
	\$91 50

CONTINGENT.

Gazette Printing Co., printing town reports \$31.50, lists \$2.00,	\$33 50
A. W. Adkins, fire extinguisher,	11 00
C. G. Trow, M. D., reporting births,	1 25
Clifford L. Crafts, Treasurer's bond \$10.00, record book 3.00,	13 00
Sam A. Wood, inspection of meat,	15 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing for Assessors,	6 45
Frank E. Sanderson, wood for hall and library,	9 60
Bardwell Bros., sawing wood,	2 00
L. F. Graves, services as Elector,	10 00
F. T. Woodward, Collector's bond,	10 00
Chas. A. Byrne, M. D., fumigation at R. Mosher Swift's,	2 00
J. B. Bridges, officers' fees,	20 90
Sam D. Conant, expenses in Wagner suit,	341 54
Irving Allis, inspection of cattle,	39 00
Town of Sunderland, repairs on Sunderland bridge,	87 34
J. B. Bowker, for copy of deeds to town land,	2 68
E. B. Crafts, running out town lands,	7 87
R. Mosher Swift, " " "	7 87
Seth B. Crafts, " " "	7 87
Arthur Beers, " " "	16 00
Geo. Allis, " " "	1 50
Howard C. Field, repairs on Town Hall,	2 11
Irving Allis, support of water tank,	10 00

Howes & Roote, lamps, chimneys, oil for hall and library, nails, spikes,	\$20 44
Lyman A. Crafts, support of water tank,	10 00
Wm. L. E. Gurley, weights and measures,	126 10
E. F. Haskins, in cases of Percy Baker and Emma Wilson,	22 69
Geo. A. Elder, going to Shelburne Falls with transcript of votes \$5, express \$2.75, Collector's book and Warrant \$1.55, Justice fees \$3, recording births \$13, marriages \$1.60, deaths \$5.40, Elector service 1904- 1905 \$20,	52 30
Irving Allis, inspector of cattle,	2 00
L. F. Crafts, reporting deaths,	3 75
W. P. Crafts, support of water tank,	5 00
Geo. B. McClellan, support of water tank,	5 00
Geo. E. Sanderson, " " "	3 00
Harry Haskins, injury caused by defective sidewalk,	10 00
Seth B. Crafts, express \$0.85, record books \$1.70, freight \$1.60, stationery and stamps \$1.40,	5 55
Fred W. Bardwell, tuning piano,	2 30
Henry W. Bardwell, support of water tank,	10 00
Chas. A. Byrne, M. D., fumigation at E. A. Breor's,	2 00
C. A. White, M. D., medical examination,	1 00
S. A. Allen Sons, derrick rope,	12 96
Sam'l A. Wood, inspector of meats,	9 00
J. B. Bridges, fees in cases of Chas. Mickowski, John Duda, Joseph Marcowski,	16 60
	\$978 17

HIGHWAYS.

Henry W. Bardwell,	\$8 65
Joseph Phelix,	9 00
Chas. S. Sanderson,	90
Morris Powers,	3 00
John Brunkard,	3 25
Seth B. Crafts,	21 80

Wm. L. Dickinson,	\$5 25
R. Mosher Swift,	8 00
Michael Duda,	75
N. J. Heafey,	15 20
John Heafey,	15 20
John Brunkhard,	2 00
Morris Powers,	7 88
Sherman Bardwell,	95
Geo. Moore,	32 00
Geo. B. McClellan,	4 00
Hiram Bardwell,	7 00
Chas. S. Sanderson,	5 25
Fay B. Bardwell,	20 00
H. W. Bardwell,	7 88
E. E. Sanderson,	5 25
Patrick Dalton,	14 00
Lucien Moody,	13 82
Herbert Munson,	20 00
E. C. Warner,	11 50
A. J. Coddling,	18 00
Victor D. Bardwell,	32 75
Chas. A. Bardwell,	11 15
Bardwell Bros.,	23 67
James Nolan,	3 50
Frank Polander,	3 50
Willie Munson,	5 25
S. C. Kingsley,	5 75
Michael Flavin,	21 21
Seth B. Crafts,	21 70
Frank Bolonski,	3 50
Stanley Polish,	1 75
Thomas Fleming,	10 15
Patrick Conley,	15 20
Wm. Ryan,	15 20
R. Mosher Swift,	11 20
Geo. W. Moore,	17 75
Chas. S. Sanderson,	3 50
E. E. Sanderson,	4 37

Montville Crafts,	\$1 25
Seth B. Crafts,	9 25
Stanley Cutoiset,	3 50
Thomas Heafey,	6 00
O. E. Morton,	8 20
R. Mosher Swift,	4 40
Bardwell Bros.,	87
Wilson Munson,	2 10
Wm. P. Smith,	2 10
Clarence I. Allis,	19 90
Joseph Phelix,	16 00
Edward Morrissey,	6 12
John Brunkard,	10 70
John Smith,	88
Chas. Pease,	2 88
R. Mosher Swift,	8 90
Lyman Sanderson, hardening,	60
J. E. Wait, “	1 75
F. C. Kidder, “	7 80
Theodore Morton, “	3 40
John Brunkard, highway work,	1 50
Seth B. Crafts, “ “	14 25
R. Mosher Swift, “ “	20 00
Thomas Fleming,	5 25
John Kennedy,	17 25
Cooley B. Dickinson,	20 75
Geo. B. McClellan,	24 25
Patrick Conley,	12 00
Thomas Flynn,	12 00
Dennis Flynn,	3 50
Chas. A. Bardwell,	30 50
Wm. S. Dickinson,	8 00
E. C. Warner,	6 00
John Brunkard,	5 75
Israel Smith,	4 00
Daniel Hayes,	1 75
Chas. J. Smith,	4 55
Homer Grover,	16 00

Elisha Grover,	\$7 00
Henry Hoar,	7 88
Henry Sharp,	5 50
E. E. Sanderson,	7 00
Watson Bardwell,	10 50
Wm. Stripp,	23 83
Clifford Waite,	2 63
Fay B. Bardwell,	13 00
Lennie Sanderson,	22 63
Wm. P. Smith,	2 50
Lucien Moody,	8 05
Bardwell Bros.,	24 00
Morris Powers,	5 00
Lyman A. Crafts, work on sidewalk,	35 00
Fred L. Graves, " "	1 75
Michael Flavin, work on highway,	2 63
Geo. E. Sanderson, " "	19 25
Geo. W. Moore,	2 00
James Nolan,	1 75
Wilson Munson,	88
Lucien Moody,	1 00
Sherman Bardwell,	4 25
Seth B. Crafts,	30 00
Wm. L. Dickinson,	41 20
Seth B. Crafts,	48 30
John Byoski,	5 25
John Poland,	4 37
Patrick Flynn,	3 50
Morris Powers,	5 75
Edward Morrissey,	3 50
John Micojski,	5 25
Henry Hoar,	1 40
E. E. Sanderson,	88
Seth B. Crafts,	27 50
Cooley B. Dickinson,	4 35
Bardwell Bros.,	6 40
Edgar Williams,	1 21
Lennie Sanderson,	20 60

John Moore,	\$16 65
Bardwell Bros.,	14 40
Fay B. Bardwell,	6 20
Wilson Munson,	6 20
Lucien Moody,	6 20
Watson Bardwell,	3 15
E. E. Sanderson,	3 15
Lyman Sanderson, gravel,	6 75
Fay B. Bardwell, highway work,	1 80
Thomas Brennan,	3 15
Wilson Munson,	88
Geo. D. Bartlett,	1 50
Stanley Polander,	8 75
Hiram Dickinson,	10 37
	\$1,303 40

GUIDE BOARDS.

R. Mosher Swift,	\$12 25
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HIGHWAY SPECIAL.

EAST WHATELY.

R. Mosher Swift,	\$4 00
Thomas Brennan,	8 35
John Brunkard,	11 50
Chas. Pease,	7 75
Morris Powers,	3 50
John Smith,	1 75
Thomas Heafey,	7 50
R. Mosher Swift,	21 91
Daniel Hayes,	21 00
John Hayes,	29 62
Eli Barnash,	8 00
Horace Bardwell,	14 00
Frank O. Scott,	11 46
J. A. Sullivan,	15 00

Thomas Flemming,	\$17 50
E. E. Sanderson,	19 50
Horace Bardwell,	14 88
R. Mosher Swift,	24 00
Geo. Stiner,	6 63
Daniel Hayes,	1 75
John Hayes,	88
Michael Duda,	28 85
Morris Powers,	15 00
Chas. J. Smith,	12 38
John Brunkard,	31 26
Geo. W. Moore,	44 50
Seth B. Crafts,	3 00
	\$385 49

BRIDGES.

Frank O. Scott and W. P. Crafts, plank,	\$29 00
Wm. Stripp, plank, \$11.08, work, \$3.66,	14 68
Fay B. Bardwell, work,	2 20
H. S. Munson, “	1 58
Lyman Munson, “	8 00
Seth B. Crafts, plank 248 ft., \$4.96, work, \$3.00,	7 96
Harry Newhall,	63 02
	\$126 44

SCHOOL, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND REPAIRS.

Orders have been drawn amounting to \$3,728 47

See School Committee's Report for detailed statement.

CEMETERIES.

Cemetery Commissioners' Orders drawn amounting to \$57 25

See Cemetery Commissioners' Report.

The income of the following gifts are to be used for cemetery purposes :

Miss Betsy Waite \$100, deposited in the Easthampton Savings Bank, the income to be used in caring for her father's lots in the West Whately cemetery.

Miss Mary Dickinson \$1,000, secured by mortgage, after caring for the three Dickinson lots in the Center cemetery in a becoming manner, the remaining unused income to be used in general improvement of the Center cemetery.

POOR.

Support of Dudley Belden,	\$120 69
“ Edgar Belden, to be reimbursed by the State,	65 00
“ Catherine and Clara Toomey,	80 00
“ Wagner family,	49 82
	\$315 51

STATE AID (Chap. 381 Acts of 1904).

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$48 00
Lucien Moody,	48 00
Charles E. Jewett,	72 00
Ezra Gerran,	54 00
	\$222 00

LIBRARY.

Paid on account of Library,	\$80 69
See Library Trustee's Report.	

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Fay B. Bardwell,	\$50 00
R. Mosher Swift,	50 00
Seth B. Crafts,	100 00
	\$200 00

ASSESSORS.

J. Arthur Wood,	\$35 00
Chas. H. Field,	37 50
William H. Adkins,	36 25
	\$108 75

COLLECTOR.

William H. Adkins, Collector of Taxes, 1906,	\$100 00
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TREASURER.

Clifford L. Crafts,	\$50 00
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AUDITOR.

Lyman A. Crafts,	\$10 00
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ELECTION OFFICERS.

REGISTRARS.

Fay B. Bardwell,	\$15 00
R. Mosher Swift,	15 00
Geo. A. Elder,	15 00
Seth B. Crafts,	15 00
	\$60 00

BALLOT CLERKS.

Wm. H. Adkins,	\$2 50
Michael Flavin,	2 50
	\$5 00

ABATEMENTS.

TAXES 1906.

A. D. Smith,	\$2 00
Alluminite Co.,	5 40
New England Farm Stock Co.,	1 66
	\$9 06

TAXES 1907.

Paul Bzuvox,	\$2 00
Joseph Domekugetes,	2 00
Adam Metolrvete,	2 00
Patrick Fenton,	2 00
Wm. Poland,	2 00
Wm. Connelly,	2 00
Wm. Quinn,	2 00
Mrs. H. M. Wood,	38
Alluminite Co.,	3 40
	\$17 78
Add 1906,	9 06
	\$26 84

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Wm. H. Adkins, discount on Taxes paid on or before Sept. 1st, 1907,	\$164 66
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

Franklin County National Bank Loan,	\$300 00
“ “ “ “ Interest,	3 00
	\$303 00

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Clifford R. Crafts,	\$62 50
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COUNTY TAX.

Eugene A. Newcomb,	\$877 15
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STATE TAX.

Arthur Chapin,	\$560 00
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RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN.

State Aid,	\$222 00
Poor,	315 51
Old Bills,	91 50
Contingent,	978 17
Cemetery,	57 25
Highway Special,	385 49
Highway,	1,303 40
Library,	80 68
Guide Boards,	12 25
County Tax,	877 15
State Tax,	560 00
Town Officers,	468 75
Temporary Loan and Interest,	303 00
Liquor License,	62 50
Election Officers,	65 00
State Highway Repairs,	143 98
Abatements,	26 84
Discount on Taxes,	164 66
Bridges,	126 44
	\$6,244 57

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1908.

Selectmen's orders outstanding unpaid,	\$299 12
School Committee's " "	634 49
Total,	\$933 61

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from State for State Aid rendered,	\$282 00
Town Lands, 68½ acres,	300 00
Uncollected Taxes, 1907,	981 13
Cash in the Treasury,	2,641 25
	\$4,204 38

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	\$4,000 00
Derrick, two Road Machines,	300 00
Five School Houses,	2,000 00
Safe, Furniture in Hall and Library,	400 00
Storehouse,	50 00
Library and Supreme Court Decisions,	800 00
	\$7,550 00

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} Selectmen	
R. MOSHER SWIFT,		of
FAY B. BARDWELL,		Whately.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day compared the accounts of the Treasurer with the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee and Tax Collector and find

That the total of all orders drawn by Selectmen to be	\$6,244 57
“ “ “ “ “ School Committte “	3,728 47

Total of all orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$9,973 04
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That the Treasurer has paid :

On Selectmen's Orders,	\$5,945 45
On School Committee Orders,	3,093 98
On Old Outstanding Orders of 1903,	1 75
“ “ “ 1906-'07,	1,245 04

Total	\$10,286 22
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That the Treasurer has received,	\$12,927 47
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That there is in the hands of C. L. Crafts,	
Treasurer, and due the Town,	2,641 25

That there is of Selectmen's Orders outstanding and unpaid,	\$299 12
That there is of School Committee Orders outstanding and unpaid,	634 49
Total of Outstanding Orders,	\$933 61
That the amount of Taxes uncollected is	\$981 13

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, Auditor.

Whately, Mass., Feb. 15, 1908.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1907.

There has been expended on North West Cemetery,	\$15 75
“ “ “ Center “	41 50
“ “ “ East “	7 00
	\$64 25

Received for lot in Center Cemetery, \$13 00

The report shows we have expended \$64.25, which is \$4.25 more than the appropriation, the extra expense being paid to the Town by the Mary Dickinson fund. We ask the Town to appropriate \$60 for the year 1908, for we see the need of it in many places.

L. F. CRAFTS,
LUCIEN MOODY,
WELLS T. SMITH.

Report of Library Trustees.

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
Dog Fund,	72 38	
Fines,	20	
		\$172 58
 Bridgman & Lyman,	 \$34 23	
Librarians,	40 00	
Map,	1 00	
Cleaning and stationery,	5 45	
Balance,	91 90	
		\$172 58

Our former librarian, Mrs. Geo. Elder, found it necessary to give up her position last September. Her familiarity with the books and careful attention to the requests for aid in selection has been a great help to those who could not come to the library personally and has largely increased the circulation.

A. H. BEERS,
FRED B. BARDWELL, } Trustees.
CHAS. H. PEASE,

Report of School Committee.

The School Committee submit the following report :

The school expenses for the past year have been practically the same as in the previous year. The unexpended balance is larger this year, on account of a larger amount received from State School Fund and a smaller amount paid for High School tuition than in previous years.

Our schoolhouses are in fairly good condition. The South Center and South East schools have become crowded and the ventilation in both schools is poor. We have made no improvements or repairs but what were absolutely necessary, during the past year, hoping that the Town would take some action this coming year towards the centralization of the schools in Town. Unless the Town does something of this kind, we will be obliged to enlarge the class rooms and improve the ventilation in both schools.

We suggest that the sum of \$500 be laid aside as a sinking fund toward a central school building.

The Superintendent's report will cover the work done in the schools.

We recommend the following appropriations :

Schools,	\$2,000 00
Superintendent,	125 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. WOOD,	}	School Committee.
ARTHUR H. BEERS,		
LESLIE E. WAITE,		

RESOURCES.

Appropriation,	\$2,150 00	
State Wards,	105 50	
High School tuitions,	555 00	
Massachusetts School Fund,	1,429 99	
City Wards,	12 00	
Superintendent's salary,	94 20	
Teacher's salary,	62 80	
		\$4,409 49

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$1,932 00	
Supplies,	192 19	
Fuel,	124 10	
Care of schoolhouses,	85 80	
Tuitions,	331 25	
Transportation,	680 00	
Superintendent,	200 42	
Medical Inspection,	7 75	
School Committee,	100 00	
Repairs,	6 50	
Miscellaneous,	68 46	
Balance,	681 02	
		\$4,409 49

TEACHERS.

Mabel Cowan,	South East,	\$ 96 00	
Maud Basset,	" "	120 00	
Elsa Anderson,	" "	192 00	
Hattie Childs,	" "	10 00	
Martha Hildreth,	" "	10 00	
Jennie M. Day,	" "	220 00	
Bertha Hodges,	West,	360 00	
Carrie Osgood,	South Center,	360 00	
Geneva Oatman,	" "	102 00	
Mary Underwood,	" "	192 00	
Mrs. Belle Bullis,	Music,	180 00	
Ruth C. Jackson,	Drawing,	90 00	
			\$1,932 00

SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co., books,	\$ 77 28	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	6 64	
Edw. Babb & Co., books, paper, etc.,	86 50	
Milton Bradley & Co., kindergarten,	19 34	
J. A. Wood, cash paid for pens,	55	
L. E. Waite, " " supplies,	88	
A. H. Beers, " " "	1 00	
		\$192 19

FUEL.

J. A. Wood, cash paid for kindlings,	\$ 1 75	
J. W. Wing, drawing kindlings,	1 25	
L. S. Crafts, kindlings,	1 75	
F. S. Bardwell, drawing kindlings,	75	
F. O. Scott, wood,	92 00	
L. E. Waite, wood and sawing and drawing,	9 50	
J. E. Robertson, wood,	12 00	
C. A. Coville, " "	3 50	
David Allen, drawing wood,	1 60	
		\$124 10

CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

J. A. Wood, cash pd. for cleaning & Janitor,	\$ 2 90	
" " " "	4 50	
A. E. Wood, cleaning,	1 50	
George Steiner, Janitor,	4 00	
Elsa Anderson, " "	4 80	
Frank Farook, " "	6 50	
Susie Hayes, cleaning,	8 00	
Mrs. H. G. Damon, " "	6 50	
Harland Beers, Janitor,	11 20	
John Allen, " "	3 20	
Hazel Field, " "	15 00	
Mrs. Edgar Ayers, cleaning,	3 50	
L. F. Crafts, oil, paint and labor,	10 70	
A. H. Beers, cash paid for labor,	1 50	
W. H. Riley, repairs on stove,	2 00	
		\$ 85 80

ORDINARY REPAIRS.

J. N. Wing, repairs and lumber,	\$ 6 50
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TRANSPORTATION.

S. A. Wood, 1907-1908,	\$216 00
A. P. Crafts, “	216 00
L. E. Waite, “	216 00
I. Allis, “	30 00
Mrs. E. Hickey, 1907,	2 00
	\$680 00

TUITION.

H. E. Richardson, Greenfield,	\$132 00
George Clark, Northampton,	150 00
Town of Deerfield,	49 25
	\$331 25

SUPERINTENDENT.

Myron J. Willson,	\$200 42
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MEDICAL INSPECTION.

C. A. White,	\$7 75
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

James A. Wood,	\$ 50 00
Arthur H. Beers,	25 00
Leslie E. Waite,	25 00
	\$ 100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. A. Wood, labor and express,	\$ 7 81
M. J. Willson, express,	3 00
C. L. Crafts, merchandise,	65
Ella L. Elder, census and care of books,	17 50
C. N. Fitts, chairs,	1 95
C. H. Pierce, insurance,	33 75
Andrews School Furnishing Co., slating,	1 90
L. E. Waite, express and labor,	1 90
	\$68 46

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Watertown:

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to submit herewith my fifth annual report as Superintendent of your Schools.

There has been little change in the general character of the work done in the schools since the last report was issued. In most cases very satisfactory progress has been made. This does not mean that the schools are perfect nor that they are as good as they should be but, rather, that an earnest effort has been made to maintain a high standard of accomplishment. That so good a degree of success has been attained is due, in a large part, to the encouragement and willing coöperation of the School Committee, of the parents and of others interested. To a still greater extent it is to be credited to the able and conscientious efforts of the teachers. It matters little how great interest the School Committee takes in the schools or how much of their own time the members sacrifice to their public duties unless the teachers have the ability and the disposition to act the leading part. Proper subjects of study and adequate school equipment, important as these are, are not to be compared with the influence of a good teacher. As Emerson once wrote to his daughter, "It matters little what your studies are, it all lies on who your teacher is."

The importance of the training in good morals that a child should receive in school cannot be overestimated and in every good school this fact receives first consideration. To quote from a noted educator, "The highest efficiency of the public school is tested by its results in moral character and hence its

central aim is effective moral training. It is vastly more important that the present generation of youth in our schools leave them loving truth, purity, right and honor than to have them good spellers and arithmeticians." In every good school, the teacher aims to inculcate such habits of industry, punctuality, honesty, obedience and self-restraint as will give the pupil a solid moral foundation for his life out of school.

This is high ground and sets a high standard for our teachers but it is a standard we must seek to attain. How it can be done in our schools is a problem easier to solve in theory than in practice. Teachers who approximate this standard are eagerly sought by school officials everywhere and command the best salaries. We cannot hope to secure and retain the services of the best teachers unless we can make positions in this town attractive. This can be done only by increasing the salaries paid and by providing adequate buildings and equipment.

In regard to the matter of salaries, the increased cost of living throughout the country has caused a general increase in teachers' salaries and this town must keep pace with the others or else be satisfied with an inferior grade of teaching ability.

Then, too, our buildings are not equal to the demands made upon them and it is impossible for teachers to get satisfactory results under present conditions. For example, the method of heating by stoves is antiquated and often inadequate while no provision whatever is made for ventilation. Moreover each teacher has more classes than she can conduct successfully. It is not surprising that they leave us to accept positions in schools where conditions in this important particular are better even though the salaries they are to receive are no greater than ours.

The only way to remedy these defects is to erect a modern three-room building in a central locality and have all the children in town brought together there. This is what must be done eventually and all attempts to improve the schools in their present surroundings will postpone centralization but a short time. It is well to keep in mind that a matter such as this is never really settled until it is settled right. The people of Whately cannot longer afford to be satisfied with the returns they are now getting for the money they expend on their

schools. It is not the part of wisdom to be willing to accept for our children inferior school facilities when the best are within reach.

EVENING SCHOOL.

At the coming annual meeting the voters of the town will be asked to provide means for establishing and maintaining an evening school in connection with the town of Deerfield and, possibly, Sunderland.

Since the necessity for such a school may not be immediately apparent, a word of explanation may not be out of place here. In the towns mentioned there is a large Polish population, most of whom are unable to read and write in the English language. These people are buying places and expect to become permanent residents. It is important, then, for the welfare of these communities, that they be Americanized as rapidly as possible and by no other means can this be accomplished so readily as by educating them in the language and history of this country. The younger generation is acquiring this education in the day schools but those who must work have no means of obtaining it. Therefore it seems wise to make provision at once for their needs and, by so doing, help to fit them for responsible citizenship.

Briefly stated, the plan is to conduct a school in the school building at South Deerfield three evenings each week for a period of about three months. South Deerfield has been selected by those interested in the plan as the best place for establishing this school because of its central location for the towns interested and the large Polish population in the immediate vicinity. The teaching of the most elementary subjects only will be attempted in the beginning.

The expense ought not to exceed \$350 for the season and probably would be considerably less, depending somewhat upon the number of pupils. This expense may be distributed among the towns in proportion to the number of pupils attending from each. It would also be well to charge the pupils a nominal sum to help cover the cost of supplies and to give them an incentive for good work and regular attendance.

In conclusion, I wish to invite your attention to the reports of the Supervisors of Music and of Drawing and also to that of the Medical Inspector which will be found on the following pages. I also wish to thank the teachers for their effective coöperation and the members of the School Committee for their wise and helpful direction.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRON J. WILLSON.

Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The interest of the past years in music in the various schools continues in full force. The problem of how to get the best results in schools having children from grades 1 to 9 is not a simple one, but by dividing into different classes we meet with greater success than in any way that has been tried.

The school at West Whately has received needed assistance in its increase in numbers and is now showing better results than it has before been possible to obtain.

The other schools have gone forward as usual, working faithfully for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE T. BULLIS, Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Supt. M. J. Willson:

The work in drawing has advanced steadily during the past year. New and more difficult problems are now attempted. While the results are generally pleasing, there is still much to be labored for. In the lower grades some entirely new branches of work have been tried, such as the making of objects by means of paper folding and cutting. The children have done excellent work in this line.

One thing, which has greatly aided the work, is the enthusiasm which the majority of the pupils show. I feel this to be

chiefly due to the influence and the interest of the teachers. I wish to thank them for it, and for the hearty coöperation, which has made the work a pleasure to me.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH C. JACKSON, Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER.

At the last town meeting an appropriation was made for the medical inspection of schools, and as examiner it became my duty to visit each school at least once during the year to examine the children and their general surroundings.

I think this report can be divided into two general heads: First, the inspection of the children themselves, and second, the inspection of the schools and premises.

In regard to the children I will say the teachers furnished me great aid; in some instances they did the whole work themselves, e. g., the testing of eyesight and hearing. The one prevailing fault I found with the children was an almost total disregard for proper attention to the hair in some cases. Pediculosis, or head lice, was seen in all degrees from a few scattered nits to the mature lice in more or less abundance. At one school it was necessary to call three times before any apparent progress was made, though most parents were willing to coöperate when their attention was called to the condition of their children, and I believe great improvement has been made in that direction. At another school many of the children, especially of foreign parentage, were seen who had not given or been given any attention as to the cleanliness of hands or face, though the dirt may have been acquired after their leaving home, due to the usual tendency of children to play in the dirt. Still I should recommend that more attention be given in the future to the personal cleanliness of children, as many diseases are scattered in the dirt of the street. In all I have examined some ninety children and some of them as many as three or four times.

Now, as for the inspection of the schools and premises, I wish to say these faults are worse, in my opinion, than those seen in

the children, for the simple reason that if once remedied they would remain so. In the first place the heating of the schools is much antiquated. The day of the old air-tight stove has fortunately passed in most places as a means of heating a large assembly room. I believe the old idea of "melting on one side and freezing on the other" is very aptly illustrated in this method of heating with none of the advantages of good ventilation which attended the old-fashioned fireplace. As for ventilation, it is almost entirely absent in the present schools—one of the greatest errors of all I believe, for with poor air goes the tendency to diseases of the respiratory track and with the open doors and windows come draughts of air with the same diseases.

The school yards, where such exist, are sad blots on the general good features of our town, which has been well-favored by nature. Witness the unsightly mud-hole in the front of the South Centre school, the sand-bank with old trees, bushes and tin cans scattered about at the East Whately school. Can we expect to have healthy children with such surroundings as these? Then the water supply, where there is any, is neither as abundant nor convenient as it should be, one school—the South Centre—depending upon a farmhouse at considerable distance for its source. With a better water supply it would be easier to improve the general personal cleanliness of the pupils, though I hardly think this should come among the duties of the teachers.

Some of the obvious changes that my report may suggest may not be practical under the existing conditions of scattered schools, and as it does not come in my duties, it would be presuming too far to offer any solution of the present problems. I feel it was only my duty to present facts as I have seen them, and having done so, my work stops here.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. WHITE, M. D.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Fall Term—Sept. 7, 1908–Nov. 27, 1908—12 weeks.

Winter Term—Nov. 30, 1908–March 5, 1909—12 weeks.

Spring Term—March 29, 1909–June 18, 1909—12 weeks.

Christmas Vacation—Dec. 19–Jan. 4.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1907.

Teachers.	School.	Grades.	Number of Weeks.	Total Enroll- ment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Lardiness.	Number not Absent or Lardy.
Carrie B. Osgood, ...	Center,	IV to IX,	36	45	32.6	28.8	88	661.5	68	1
Geneva N. Oatman, ...		I to III,								
Maudie Bassett, ...	East,	IV to IX,	36	43	35.6	30.6	86	810.0	101	1
Mabel F. Cowan, ...		I to III,								
Bertha M. Hodges, ...	West,	I to IX,	36	13	11.7	11.2	95.4	90.0	3	0
				101	79.9	70.6	89.8	1561.5	172	2

ATTENDANCE FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF CURRENT YEAR.

Teachers.	School.	Grades.	Number of Weeks.	Total Enroll- ment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Number not Absent or Tardy.
Carrie B. Osgood, ...	Center,	IV to IX, I to III.	20	48	40.8	36.5	89.5	444.5	26	3
Mary Underwood, ...	East,	IV to IX, I to III.	20	41	35.9	32.5	90.5	313.0	94	3
Jennie Day, ...	West,	I to VIII,	20	18	13.4	13.1	97.7	31.5	9	2
Elsa Anderson, ...										
Bertha M. Hodges, ...										
			107		90.1	82.1	91+	89.0	129	8



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